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COMMUNICATIONS TOPIC: Initial Health Alert Notice to States and Local Public Health Agencies

SUBJECT: ALERT: Terrorist Activity Response

Due to current events, CDC is on heightened alert status to monitor for any possible unusual disease patterns associated with today's events, including chemical and biological agents.

CDC recommends that you initiate heightened surveillance for any unusual disease occurrence or increased numbers of illnesses that might be associated with today's events.

Please notify all segments of your emergency response system (including epidemiologists, laboratories, all local public health units, hospital emergency departments and 911 dispatch centers) to make them aware of this situation.

If you require any assistance or become aware of any unusual occurrence, CDC is available at our emergency number of (770) 488-7100, 24-hours per day, or (770) 488-4819. You may also contact us by e-mail at healthalert@cdc.gov or access our website for further information at <http://emergency.cdc.gov/>.

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